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REMARKS

SOURCE

1. On 2 June 1951, a unit of 58 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia marched into the restricted area on Grabenstrasse in Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 70). A German electrician who once worked in the restricted area stated that the troops were guard personnel and drivers of the

2. Gate guards at the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik (North German Machine Factory) wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. A convoy of six trucks, including entered the factory premises on 2 June, and each truck was occupied by from 20 to 25 soldiers. Other trucks observed at the installation were numbered occupied by military personnel entered the factory area on 9 June. (2)

3. Numerous houses near the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik were occupied by officers who wore tank insignia. The houses were located at the Am Schieferling corner on Industriestrasse. (3)
4. Documents found below the windows of the administration building of the Norddeutsche Werke on 22 and 26 May are as follows:

- a. A letter without envelope, dated 18 February 1951, written by a soldier of a guards unit in Nikolayev who asked his friend in Germany to send him a pair of black shoes, and for which he would remit in rubles the purchase price to the addressee's parents.
- b. An envelope addressed to a soldier of postmarked 9 May 1951, examined by Censorship and mailed from the Gorki Oblast. (4)

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5. On 31 May, an emplacement of two 37-mm AA guns, and two small wooden sheds were seen in a patch of woods near Stalags (former PW base camps) I through III, about 200 meters east of the fork formed by the roads running from Luckenwalde to Frankenfoerde and Frankenfelde. (5) Another previously reported AA gun emplacement was located on the Luckenwalde-Gottow road. [REDACTED] was identified there on 30 May. (6)

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6. On 7 and 9 June, about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen engaged in routine duties and in a game of soccer at Stalags I through III. Trucks [REDACTED] were identified at the camps. Source still believes the camps to be only partially occupied. A telephone line and heavy shuttle traffic from the camps to the newly observed AA gun emplacement mentioned in paragraph 5 were noticed. (7)

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7. A convoy of 10 to 12 empty trucks, including [REDACTED] and some with numbers of the [REDACTED] was observed on the Luckenwalde-Jueterbog road on 7 June. (8)

8. The former piano factory housed a ration supply and quartermaster clothing depot. An adjoining restaurant was used as an army post office. (9)

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- (2) The information on the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik agrees with a previous report. [REDACTED]

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- (3) The officers' billets are located at the southeastern corner of the Industriegelaende (industrial area).  
(4) [REDACTED] was on a document found in Jueterbog on 1949 and belonged to the sender of another letter found in Potsdam in 1950.

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- (5) The AA gun emplacement is reported for the first time. [REDACTED]

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- (7) The information agrees with previous reports on Stalags I through III. [REDACTED] was also observed by the [REDACTED] in connection with a game of soccer on 25 May 1951. It belongs to the 91st Gds RL Regt in the RAD (Reich Labor Service) camp at Trebbin.

- (9) The depots in the piano factory are known from previous reports. The army post office is reported for the first time.

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